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From: fisher%minster.york.ac.uk@NSFnet-Relay.AC.UK

Subject: Early Radio History

faunt@CISCO.COM.UUCP asks:

> So, where are interesting radio museums?

There is a truly excellent, but quite small, wireless museum in St Margaret's Hope on the island of South Ronaldsay (2 58' W, 58 49'30" N). They publish a little book about the museum & wireless history.

Pay the museum a visit when you're next passing through! :-)

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From: pasteur!east.Berkeley.EDU!phil@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Phil Lapsley)

Subject: How Much Good Does Ham Radio "Emergency Preparedness" Do?

In article <6667@sybase.sybase.com> Jon Forrest wonders aloud as to the utility of ham radio emergency preparedness drills.

Like Doug Faunt, I've spent the last week on ARES nets in the Bay Area. I think the overall performance was pretty good, and I think some of that was due to preparedness drills. Take Field Day, for example. Sure, although officially its EP, it's really more of a contest. But the bottom line is you get a lot of practical experience

from it, and in my case, I got to become familiar with the people I ended up working with for the last few days. I think that's a pretty valuable thing.

And as Doug said, this event has been quite a learning experience. I see very clearly now some errors we made, and I also see some things we did right. I also think that life would have been much easier had we been a little bit more prepared in certain areas. (For example, if the ARES standard power connector had really been taken seriously; if the various Red Cross centers would invest in VHF antennae and batteries; if the local ARES group had thought about how to use packet radio in time of emergency; ...).

My point is that EP *does* matter. It's certainly not of infinite importance, but it can make things easier when every snag seems major.

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Subject: How Much Good Does Ham Radio "Emergency Preparedness" Do?

In article <6667@sybase.sybase.com> forrest@sybase.com writes:
>intentioned work doesn't amount to much. What usually happens is
>that there is about 80% chaos, confusion, and needless running
>around. My theory is that, with a few exceptions mentioned below, this
>80% figure is what would occur naturally, with or without all the
>emergency preparations.

I would say that most of that "80%" comes within the first few minutes, until things settle down, people regain their calm, and the people with practice training take over. EP drills tend to focus on equipment problems; proper procedure can be learned by reading books, or DXing.

-=Paul Flaherty, N9FZX | "I asked for a dissertation topic, and for my
->paulf@shasta.Stanford.EDU | sins, they gave me one."

Date: 20 Oct 89 21:22:12 GMT
From: vsi1!daver!lynx!neal@apple.com (Neal Woodall)
Subject: Phonepatches to San Fransisco

In article <355@forsight.Jpl.Nasa.Gov> katzmann@robotics.jpl.nasa.gov writes:

>The main reason for posting here is just to say how upset I was to hear
>some of the emergency ham nets getting jammed last night. These jammers
>are very sick individuals!! I felt that if they could be caught that their
>necks should be ringed and their equipment destroyed. These are probably
>feeble little insecure twirps with nothing better to do!

I listened to the ham nets the night of the quake, in addition to the police, fire, emergency rescue, PG&E, and anything else we could pick up on the Pro 2004.

I must congratulate the hams for having the best-run nets of all of the services we listened to that night. Overall, I thought the hams had the best of all worlds: good net handling and "professional" technique, as well as the best overall signal quality. It certainly sounded that night as if the hams had better equipment and procedure than any of the police or fire nets. Good job, guys!

I am not a ham, but I may become on in the future. However, I am going to write a letter to my Senators and Representative and tell him what I thought of the ham nets the night of the quake. Hams deserve all of the VHF/UHF spectrum they now have, and maybe some more. Y'all also deserve more recognition and more "clout" with the FCC and the feds in general.

I did not hear any jammers that night on the ham nets, but if there were any, my opinion of them is as low as Steve's opinion of them. Jamming during a non-emergency situation is a pain in the ass, jamming during an emergency situation is potentially deadly! If these "jokers" are found, I hope they get some "harsh medicine" for their wanton reckless acts.

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Date: Sat, 21 Oct 89 12:07:11 EST
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELLC.cit.cornell.edu>
Subject: SUBSCRIPTION

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Subject: When do you use this? (was Re: KENWOOD TM701A CROSS BAND MOD)

In article <8910210938.AA01137@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU> SKAG00@MEMSTVX1.BITNET (SURESH KAG00) writes:

>The repeater cross-band operation allows the TM-701A to receive on one band &
>re-transmit the signal on the other band. The TM-701A alternately displays the
>two bands until a signal is received. The transceiver will then display the
>band that is re-transmitting the signal.

Ok, I give up... I've seen plenty of these "cross band mods" but I've never heard what they're used for. When do you need it? When is it useful?

Also how do these rigs do this? I guess since you're on different bands you don't need a duplexer but do ALL dual band rigs have two antenna connections on them? And how do you set your rig to talk/listen to a cross band repeater? Do you use an offset or is it simplex?

Thanks for any info!
Cliff Yamamoto de KA6JRG

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